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Janice Forster, MD, is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in private practice in Pittsburgh, PA who specializes in Developmental Neuropsychiatry. She has over 25 years of clinical experience in the evaluation and treatment of individuals with Developmental Disabilities. During the 10 years that she served as a psychiatric consultant to an inpatient rehabilitation program, she evaluated over 250 individuals with PWS and has managed the most severe manifestations of the disorder across all levels of care. She is a consultant to the Prader-Willi Association of the USA where she serves on the Clinical Advisory Board and to the International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organization where she was recently appointed to the Scientific Advisory Committee.

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